

Good Morning,

As some of you may know, my name is Ken Brown. What some of you may not know is I have been registering for 12 and a 1/2 years, for an non-plead down charge of CSC-4 attempted (750.520E1a-a). This is a true one year misdemeanor charge with the possibility of up to one year in jail. I however, only served 18 months of probation. Notwithstanding, I am able to have my record expunged and would have no record. This does not change the fact that I am continually told I have to register and comply with the Registry. Over the past 12 and a 1/2 years, I have continually lost job opportunities, relationships, personal achievement and social growth. Throughout these years I have gone in and out of depression, even to the point of wanting to take my own life six years ago.

Over the past six years, I have been here in Lansing attempting to amend the sex offender laws. Yet, here we are again, where I'm told I will now have to give up even more personal information, have more restrictions placed on me, and more severe penalties if I do not comply. This is all for a one year misdemeanor conviction to where I did not serve a day in jail. I am being told that with the proposed legislation, I would now become a Tier 2 registrant which is a class that for the most part is all felonies with imprisonment of up to 15 years in jail.

I will now be looked at and classified as a higher risk, even though I have registered and been compliant for over 12 and a 1/2 years. I do not see why I cannot be classified as a Tier 1 when SORNA guidelines state that Tier 2 and Tier 3 categories are for convictions of imprisonment of 1 year or more detailing out more severe crimes. We have the ability to make CSC-4 attempted a Tier 1 category and still be substantially compliant, however I am confident that no one has contacted the SMART office to inquire.

With the proposed legislation, you are requiring me to list all my assets for public view, such as jet skis, snowmobiles, and collectable cars, as well as the vehicle I drive on a daily basis. You are requiring me to list phone numbers and email addresses which are not only used for personal matters but for business contacts as well.

What is of major concern to me is how this information will be used and stored. For the past 12 years, Michigan has not ceased third party websites from data-mining and data-basing all registrant information. My question is: how long will it take before I encounter identity theft, fraud, harassment or spam via email or telephone. This legislation so far, states nothing about the responsibility to protect this information and to protect the registrant from these far-reaching issues. All of the third-party websites portray this information however they want to, with no responsibility for accuracy, which is all used for profit. To give you an example, if I were to type my name in a Google search, I and many registrants will come up multiple times from multiple websites, none of which will be the Michigan State Sex Offender website.

Moreover, it will only be a matter of time before searching for an address of a business to get directions will not only show those directions and the website of the business, but any registrant employed with the business and the owner of the business. This brings me to my last and most important concern. I am a business owner of over 16 years. The ramifications this will have on my business is not only unfair to me, it would be unfair to my employees due to the public scrutiny this will give my business which in

turn will result in lost profit , sales and future and present customers. If this legislation goes through as is, I would have to make the difficult decision on whether it is worth the financial risk to pour more capital back into a business that could in turn promote more job growth.

I believe this legislation has been highly rushed for the sole purpose of obtaining Federal funding for the Michigan State Police now that there is a deadline looming. This has been done at the expense of rushed and band-aided legislature which will still never help registrants move forward or become financially stable not only for themselves but their families and children. Like other registrants, I wish that this legislation would be cleaned-up further so that I can move on with my life.

Thank you.